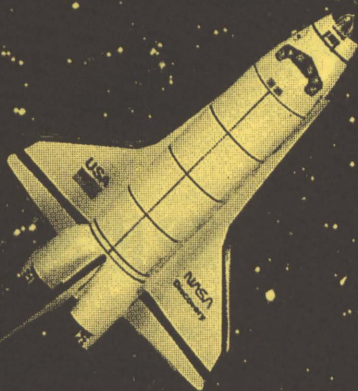


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ON THE UFO TRAIL

By Paul Norman

In the June edition of AUSTRALIAN UFO BULLETIN, I responded to a letter by Mr. A.T. Brunt, Former Regional Director, Bureau of Meteorology, South Australia, written to the Adelaide SUNDAY MAIL, rebuking the editor for publishing a book review by Ms. Carolyn Beaumont, concerning the Knowles case in Timothy Good's book, THE UFO REPORT 1990. The chapter was written by myself on the behalf of VUFORS.

I mentioned, after reading the Brunt letter, that he must have been listening to a member or members of the Australian Sceptics Society. At that time I did not realise my statement was closer to the facts than I thought. During a visit with contacts at Adelaide, in July, it was brought to my attention that Mr. Brunt was the South Australian spokesman for the Australian Sceptics! Ah Ha! This accounts for the statements of mis-information for which the sceptics are noted.

Mr Brunt suggested that what the Knowles family saw were the lights from a west bound vehicle reflecting off a temperature inversion when the vehicle was descending into Eucla, over 100km to the east. Well, this is an important clue indicating his lack of knowledge concerning the area. Either the sceptic had never been to the vicinity where the action took place or if he did visit the area he was not very observant of details. West bound vehicles pass through Eucla before descending into the lower level of the Basin. Secondly, the headlights of a west bound vehicle shines into a cliff as it turns toward the south where the headlights would be shining toward the ocean. In fact, the Eyre highway does not turn toward Mundrabilla, until it is on the level of the Basin, 5km after the descent.

I have pointed out repeatedly, that arm chair experts, especially the sceptics, must get further away from their seats than the nearest tea pot to investigate the UFO phenomenon. It cannot be done by looking at a road map. Road maps do not give an accurate picture of the terrain. However, it is questionable that the sceptics have a motive other than to distract attention away from uncovering the facts. I have noted that the Australian Sceptics Society expended only \$102.68 two years ago and only \$115.94 for analyses last year. Whereas, VUFORS expense is more on a single case. The cost is practically nil when investigations are done from arm chairs and are most inaccurate.

In trying to keep his mirage theory in attempted focus, the Adelaide sceptic states that truck driver Graham Henley was also driving east ahead of the Knowles car when he saw an unusual white and yellow light. True, but Mr. Brunt does not state that Henley saw the light in his rear vision mirror which means the unusual light was back to the west where the Knowles were at the time of the incident. That is solid evidence the light was not a mirage and breaks the theory in bits and pieces. Besides there were other motorists in the area who saw strange lights as described by the Knowles family and Graham Henley. Names in VUFORS files.

Mr. Brunt takes the word of the truck driver when he reports seeing a light but does not take his word when he reports the excessive amount of dust and said it was not brake dust. In short, the sceptic takes statements only when they fit his outmoded theory. Graham Henley inspected the car at Mundrabilla where he was waiting for the restaurant to open when the Knowles stopped and told their story. Neither does the sceptic recognise other details concerning the incident which do not fit his theory. Obviously, he makes selective statements attempting to bend and twist around and adjusted to suit his concocted conjecture. Well, fortunately, there was sufficient amounts of dust left in and on the car for VUFORS investigators to vacuum enough for several laboratory analyses carried out in both Australia and America which proved the dust was not from the brakes, as postulated by the Adelaide sceptics. No wonder, Mr. Brunt objects to reports being published. He has too many cases he cannot debunk already.

On 9th July, this year, another Australian sceptic, a Dr. Roberts, made an attempt to debunk the rings in wheat fields as made by pranksters rolling barrels around in the fields. Now, if Dr. Roberts would take the time to use his pencil and paper and work out the manhours necessary to produce all these circles he would realise this impossibility. Besides barrels would crush the wheat stems. The wheat stems in the Mallee as well as in England are bent at ground level as if they were steamed. In addition, the composition of the soil, at some locations, has changed and does not go back to normal condition for as long as three weeks. To assemble details on such cases would require the sceptics to arise from their arm chairs, increase expense of travelling to the scene and do an on-the-spot investigation.

During the year, a Melbourne spokesman for the Australian Sceptics has tried to debunk the UFO/water related cases by saying the water has disappeared from tanks and water levels have dropped in farm dams because someone has stolen the water or the tanks have leaked. Well, it is true that a tank can be emptied for these reasons but how about the algae that has been found stuck to the sides. If water had been drained through a drain valve the algae would still be on the bottom. And how about water plants pulled up from bottom of ponds? Some cases, UFOs have been seen hovering over these sources and/or UFO activity has been present. Again the mis-information comes from the non-investigating anti-UFO lobby speculating from their arm chairs.

I understand that the Australian Sceptics are anti-everything but if they are doing no better with their debunking attempts in other fields than their failing attempts in the UFO field, they will eventually find themselves competing with the Flat Earth Society for the wooden spoon.

THE LEVITATING CREATURE ALIEN CONTACT CE-III

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BY JOHN AUCHETTL

INTRODUCTION

SYNOPSIS

At approximately 11.00 PM on the night of the 4th MARCH, 1990, a 24 year old man (Who wishes to be known as PAUL) was out walking his very large BITCH dog on the 10th fairway of the WARBURTON GOLF COURSE, 50 Km North-East of Melbourne, Victoria.

The moon was very low to the West and cast very long fence, bush and tree shadows onto the gently sloping cut grass of the fairway. The weather was excellent with light cloud. [See FIG 1].

First contact occurred some three quarters (3/4) up the fairway. [See FIG 1 A]. When PAULS dog "DANNY" who was off her lead, behind and to PAULS right, began whimpering and in a frenzy circling an object. [See FIG 1 B].

With no 'TORCH' PAUL moved forward to within 5 metres (15 feet) to get a closer look. [See FIG 1 C]. On doing so he observed to his front and at ground level what seemed to be a black, 'fur' covered, and 'out of focus' like object that resembled a WOMBAT (Local Animal) that gave off a dull orange glow. And at it's top two clockwise rotating green and orange lights.

As PAUL approached, his dog attacked the object. It altered it's shape by producing a set of orange lights up it's side. Both dog and object seemed to spin around. Soon the dog was thrown off. [See FIG 2 & 3].

Again it attacked, the object moved off and again the dog was thrown clear. [See FIG 1 D]. It then approached PAUL who now became fearful of a personal attack. But the dog attacked again and again, holding onto the object.

PAUL then walked around the object, this time the dog was thrown some 3 metres (10 feet) away.

The dog approached with caution and went to attack again.

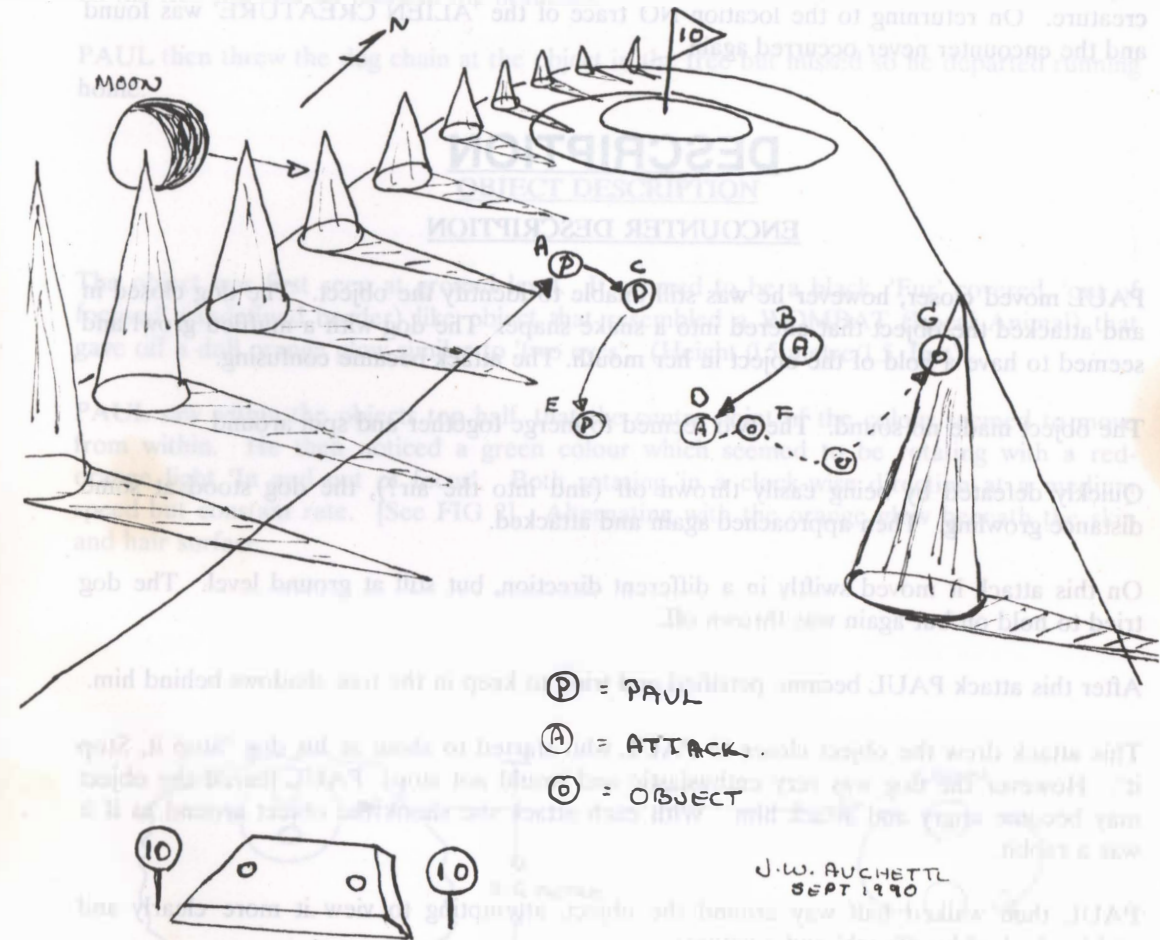


FIG 1: AREA OF THE ENCOUNTER. THE 10TH FAIRWAY, WARBURTON GOLF COURSE.

The object then rose up above the dog. The dog lost sight of the object and started searching for it. [See FIG 1 F].

PAUL frantically called directions at the dog, who then saw the object above and started to jump at it. The object then moved 7 metres (21 feet) to the top of a tree and sat there. [See FIG 1 G].

The encounter lasted some 5 minutes. PAUL then quickly departed the location with his dog and ran back home (Minutes away), to get his FATHER to witness this bizarre creature. On returning to the location NO trace of the 'ALIEN CREATURE' was found and the encounter never occurred again.

DESCRIPTION

ENCOUNTER DESCRIPTION

PAUL moved closer, however he was still unable to identify the object. The dog closed in and attacked the object that altered into a snake shape. The dog with a muffled growl and seemed to have a hold of the object in her mouth. The attack became confusing.

The object made no sound. The two seemed to merge together and spin around.

Quickly defeated by being easily thrown off (and into the air?), the dog stood at some distance growling. Then approached again and attacked.

On this attack it moved swiftly in a different direction, but still at ground level. The dog tried to hold on but again was thrown off.

After this attack PAUL became petrified and tried to keep in the tree shadows behind him.

This attack drew the object closer to PAUL who started to shout at his dog "Stop it, Stop it". However the dog was very enthusiastic and would not stop. PAUL feared the object may become angry and attack him. With each attack she shook the object around as if it was a rabbit.

PAUL then walked half way around the object, attempting to view it more clearly and wishing he had his 'Torch' and a witness.

Calm before the attacks, it was now able to throw the dog off again and along the ground for a distance of some 3 metres (10 feet). The dog attacked again, however with caution by circling the object.

With this last attack the creature rose very slowly (Levitated) into the air above the dog without a sound. This confused the dog totally. Sniffing frantically she looked for the object.

PAUL started shouting and pointing "Look danny Look!" The dog having lost the location of the creature was redirected by PAUL and the dog again sprang into action trying to jump up into the air after the object.

It then again rose or floated some 7 metres (20 feet) towards a 'WATTLE' tree and settled on the tree top and sat there in the branches.

PAUL then threw the dog chain at the object in the tree but missed so he departed running home.

OBJECT DESCRIPTION

The object was first seen at ground level. It seemed to be a black, 'Fur' covered, 'out of focused' (undefined border) like object that resembled a WOMBAT (Local Animal) that gave off a dull orange glow similar to 'two eyes'. (Height 0.5 metre/1.5 feet).

PAUL saw within the objects top half, that the centre point of the colour seemed to move from within. He then noticed a green colour which seemed to be rotating with a red-orange light 'In and out of focus'. Both rotating in a clock-wise direction at a medium speed but constant rate. [See FIG 2]. Alternating with the orange glow beneath the skin and hair surface.

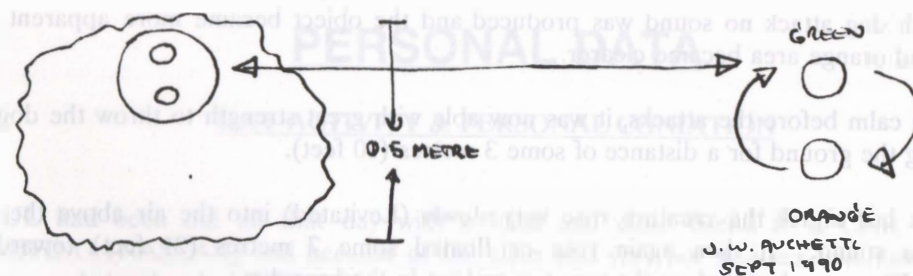


FIG 2: BLACK FUR LIKE OBJECT & ROTATING GREEN AND ORANGE LIGHTS

The dull black object did not reflect any MOON light. At times the top of the object seemed to alter shape and became almost impossible to see. However it was always there.

When the dog attacked, the object altered size (Approx Rabbit size) and then stretched a little higher (Like a 'COBRA' snake would). [See FIG 3]. An orange alternating striped reflector appeared where the snakes head and neck would be. At all times the 2 dull lights rotated.

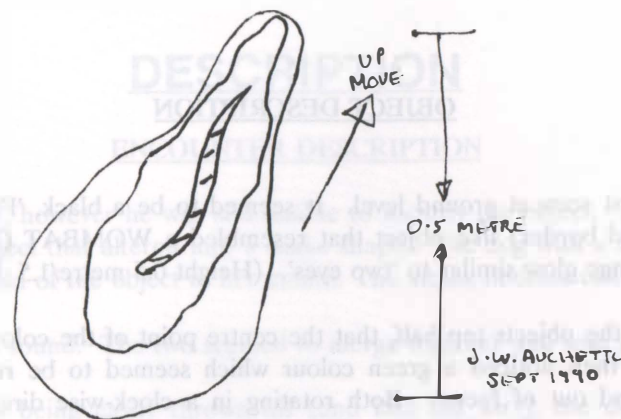


FIG 3: OBJECT CHANGES SHAPE AND SIZE. NOTE THE STRIP UP THE SIDE

With each dog attack no sound was produced and the object became more apparent and the striped orange area became clearer.

Although calm before the attacks, it was now able with great strength to throw the dog off and along the ground for a distance of some 3 metres (10 feet).

With this last attack the creature rose very slowly (Levitated) into the air above the dog without a sound. It then again rose or floated some 7 metres (21 feet) towards a 'WATTLE' tree and settled on the tree top and sat in the branches.

The light had a three dimensional (3D) appearance and looked slightly metallic (?).

OBSERVATION

PAUL at first tried to explain it as a meteorite, but soon realised it was something abnormal. On this conclusion he reported that all his hair stood on end (up). He very quickly grew afraid and at the same time felt drawn to it in the sense that he became curious. He started to breath heavily, his heart started pounding and he became more and more afraid. He found himself talking to himself telling himself to keep calm.

With the second dog attack he became petrified and tried to keep in the dark tree shadows behind him. He wished he could see the object, had a 'torch' or another witness.

When the dog was thrown off he watched in horror, now whispering "What are you".

PAUL on running home started laughing as well as crying (Mild hysteria). His father did not seem to believe him, when told. However, he went along to look.

RESEARCH

DOG DATA

DANNY is a large strong BITCH 'GREY-HOUND' & GREAT-DANE' cross dog. On inspection there was NO hair or blood in the dogs mouth. On returning to the encounter location with PAULS father the dog remembered the encounter and was running about looking for the object.

PERSONAL DATA

DAY ACTIVITY & PERSONAL CONDITION

PAUL had been out all that day with a local and close friend to a CAR RACING MEETING (NASCAR) and because of the clear and very hot weather conditions he had become obviously wind burnt. However, although his family first felt that this may have contributed to the encounter, PAUL is adamant that he was not affected by the sunburn. In fact he was in good spirit and extremely fit and healthy.

DRUGS & ALCOHOL

He was questioned about any DRUG & ALCOHOL consumption that day. The answer was NO as he is a NON-DRINKER and took NO drugs.

GENERAL CONDITIONS

EMOTIONS

After returning from the encounter PAUL described how he had become very EMOTIONAL. He had TEARS in his eyes. His HAIR was UPRIGHT, he was UPSET, EXCITED, and SCARED. In his urgent scramble to get his FATHER to the encounter location, PAUL found that a tractor was partially blocking the exit. Driving the family vehicle a F100 truck (UTE), he ran into the side of the house damaging the truck door.

ILLNESS

PAUL suffered NO illness after the encounter, but reported that he could NOT SLEEP for many days and his MIND was obsessively (constantly) occupied with the encounter.

TIME LOSS

Neither PAUL or I were able to find any LOST TIME. However, PAUL did say that he could be out walking the dog for 1 to 1.5 hours on most nights. With this in mind the family would not have found any time delay as being unusual, as PAULS walks are long in duration and frequent.

CONCLUSION

No link to the UFO PHENOMENON was established, yet I feel that such an encounter must be published and NOT left to die in our vast quantity of files.

On investigation of the many books and records on strange PHENOMENON, I was unable to find any similar recorded event. That is not to say that others have not occurred, it is

more of a problem of finding the right source of information.

Because of this PAUL and this SOCIETY would be happy to hear from anyone, who may be able to assist us on other references or an explanation.

However, there is no doubt that "Truth can be stranger than fiction". Our work continues.

MR JOHN AUCHETTL

RESEARCHER

NOMINATION FOR V.U.F.O.R.S. COMMITTEE POSITIONS FOR THE YEAR 1991

All Members are here by notified that written nominations for positions on the VICTORIAN UFO RESEARCH COMMITTEE are NOW OPEN and are to be sent to the;

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UFO ACTIVITY IN BELGIUM

By Keith & May Flicroft

The exact starting date of the present period of high UFO activity over South-East Belgium is not certain, but it appears to have begun last October (1989). For the past seven months reports have been pouring in to the press, the most since 1974, an all-time record. Almost all the sightings were nocturnal, silent, but often dramatic. The Minister for Defence, the Belgian Air Force, defence radar, scientists and Gendarmes have all become involved.

In October a bizarre object was spotted at low altitude near Verviers in the South-East of Belgium, towards the German border. On 7th November at Essneux, two Gendarmes and two policemen watched a UFO larger than an aircraft which was seen at 2.20 hr. and returned again at 20.50 hr. On the 26th near Zolder in the Province of Limburg, a twenty meter diameter ball emitting light was seen by ten to twelve witnesses to be floating at a height of some 300 metres.

Low altitudes, slow speeds and long sightings' durations were typical. Many of the low level sightings occurred at Eupen, right on the German border. Many Gendarmes from the barracks there have made long and repeated observations. Our first report from there is dated 6th November, made by two Gendarmes who watched a UFO for some time.

Our reports came from Andreas Loopy of Antwerp who is an IGAP member with an interest in UFOs spanning twenty-five years. On his visit to the Gendarmerie at Eupen (only one of many visits by civilians), the Gendarmes patiently confirmed press accounts, stressing the observation that the objects were not aircraft. In fact a large lighted ship had passed over their barracks, and no attempt was made to hush up the matter.

There are also civilian witnesses. A man and his wife driving near Eupen at night were surprised by a great black object with a number of accompanying lights passing before them. It flew over their car and then over the hydroelectric station at Gileppe. Another witness at Eupen reported an object with moving blue lights on its side, which passed over them and then showed three white lights, a black spot in the centre and a red light moving in between.

Near the end of the year, a Mr. Thomas appeared on Belgian TV detailing his recorded observations made at Stavelot, near Eupen. He described a grey triangle under a bright light that shone red and green and seemed to emit a beam which illuminated the triangle. This was one of many sightings made there.

Numerous headlines have appeared in Belgian newspapers over the past months such as: "Extraterrestrials in Sky Over Eupen", "Mystery in Sky Over Eupen", "Luminous and Silent

Machine Over La Gileppe and Spa", "A Nest of UFO's in Verviers" and "UFO Epidemic Continues".

Guy Coeme, Minister for Defence asked for an enquiry in December, and in May ordered the cooperate with those wishing to research the holding watches at night with cameras. After ninety days of UFO activity over 600 reports and over 3000 witnesses had accumulated. Towards the end of 1989 a Mr. Mignon was interviewed on TV in respect of his filming of a dark slow-moving object from the Height of Stavelot. Even more impressive was another nocturnal photograph of a machine that appeared to be waisted in the centre, white on top, red underneath and described as being the size of two soccer fields. Another showed a rectangular shape with a huge flare of red light around it.

Colonel De Brauwere, Chief of Staff of the Belgian Air Force stated on French-language TV that the objects were not aircraft. He dismissed suggestions that they might be American F114's or secret experimental craft. There have been no reports of the objects registering on radar. It has been suggested that the objects were generally too low to be picked up on radar, and if picked up, may have been filtered out electronically because of their low speed. Subsequently the radar at Glons in the south, was reported to have picked up strange echoes, and did pinpoint a UFO in May.

On 7th December at 5.10 pm, just after nightfall, a woman on the Fagnes, a 500 meter high mountain, saw something like a "sunset" in light blue. Next there appeared an enormous ball covered with a multitude of scintillating lights. It hung motionless before seeming to shrink a little and then its lights brightened to suggest portholes. Two "butterfly wings" then deployed from another part of the sphere. They darkened beneath the sphere and in fifteen seconds a myriad of luminous points appeared there and moved away. At 7.01 pm the luminous points returned and the centre of the sphere darkened. It departed a half hour later.

Professor Meussens (an astrophysicist at the University of Louvain, who in the past has argued against the existence of UFO's), was interviewed on TV. Asked if the objects were extraterrestrial, he replied that one can not exclude that theory because of the large number of world-wide observations. When asked if he was risking his credibility, he said; "Perhaps, but ultimately the duty of a scientist is to be curious and to try to understand these things. That is what I am trying to do". The press has pointed out that the objects traversed the South-East region, frequenting both deserted and built-up areas. "Le Soir" ("The Evening") of Brussels reported on 9th February that some fifty persons at a football match, including the players, stopped to stare when an enormous machine passed slowly over the field.

One type of UFO often reported was an isosceles triangle with a light at each point. They were generally rather flat and some displayed "portholes". A machine which was seen landing on a road looked like two plates joined together. It made a hissing sound like a turbine.

The media continued to feature UFO news into 1990. February proved to be a month of considerable activity. The Russians, who were also receiving sightings reports, became interested in the Belgian reports.

On 16th December after many reports from the South-East, two F16's were scrambled, but no sighting or contact by the jets was reported. On 10th April, "Le Soir" reported on another chase by two F16's just after midnight on 30th March. Fifteen Gendarmes in the Brabant had watched an aerial object for one and a half hours. The defence radar at Glons which had reported picking up strange echoes during previous months, reported a sufficiently precise return and the jets were scrambled. After the pilots had made their third pass over the place indicated by the Gendarmes, they sighted large circles at the centre of a great triangle. Immediately all but the brightest of three lights vanished, and this climbed, emitting short burst of bright red before disappearing.

The pilots' reports are being studied by scientists and the military. The magazine "Le Vif" (mid April) quotes Colonel de Brauwere as saying that the returns of three ground radar units and those of the F16's had corroborated the descriptions given by the witnesses on the ground. In addition, enquiries with NATO had revealed that not even the most advanced military units in the world could have produced the registered phenomena.

As the months passed, the media rejected meteors, bolides, secret aircraft, lasers and many other explanations that might have been advanced, in favour of artefacts not from our civilisation, an idea that scientists all too often reject out of hand.

The Belgian Air Force readied a Hawker Siddley aircraft with a large array of instrumentation and equipment. This was ready by mid April. There was video recording equipment, telemetry for measuring distances and sizes, an infra-red camera, a spectrometer and radiation detectors. Professor Brenig of the Free University of Brussels himself "saw with his own eyes" one of the ubiquitous triangles move slowly overhead near Liege on the 18th of March. He is joining the research effort with two aircraft.

Two Flemish newspapers, the "Nieuwe Gazet" and "Het Laatste Nieuws" printed the well known photo of the Adamski scout craft high on their front pages. By the end of April the UFO's were also being seen further North in Brussels. A triangle was filmed near the South Station, although the image was rather blurred. Andreas van Looy writes that at about this time he sighted a luminous ball with a trail in the early evening at Brasschaat, North of Antwerp.

Several things have become very obvious. Normal explanations have been exhausted; the UFO's make no attempt to hide their presence; there have been no signs of panic; people are asking "why over Belgium?" and the authorities as well as some scientists are prepared to investigate openly.

Another unanswered question relates to the purpose of this aerial activity. The

Headquarters of the ECC as well as NATO are located in Belgium. The events leading up to the unification of Europe in 1992 and the military adjustments flowing from recent events in Eastern Countries have been suggested, although the geographic distribution of sightings gives little if any indication of such interest. Further developments may give clearer clues.

Local media coverage of this unusual activity in Belgium has very sketchy in Brisbane, amounting to a few seconds on TV (with the predictable wisecrack) and two paragraphs in the Courier Mail.

Update: On 14-16 April the "Dernier Heure" of Brussels reported a close observation under the title "The strange Night of the Gendarmes at Namur". On the 12th of April at 9.03 pm Marechal de Logis, Leopold Legrand and a motorist were on the Charleroi Highway near Namur when a huge triangle showing two bright white lights approached them and departed at lightning speed. Two other Gendarmes reported seeing a triangle that evening between 9.23 and 9.55 pm, also with two brilliant white lights, at a distance of less than five hundred metres. The object also blinked green, blue and red lights. Captain Marc Celliere declared his total confidence in the Gendarmes and said the reports were to be taken seriously. The article added that on the previous day Colonel de Brauwere had initiated a program of four days and nights of observation at the civil airport of Bierstet, organised by the Air Force, scientists, private investigators and the press.

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UFO watchers stand by for activity in Geelong

IT was 9.30 pm on a clear spring night on October 2, last year. Constable Anthony Beaumont from the Torquay police station was on duty and feeling great.

He noticed the moon in the north-west and the stars. And there, over Jan Juc about 45 degrees to the horizon, was a brilliant white disc of light!

Constable Beaumont was not one to be taken in easily. He studied it through his binoculars and then rang D24 to see if any aircraft could be in the area. No. After about 20 minutes he received a call to remove a tree from the Anglesea Road. As he took off he saw the bright object move toward the Anglesea power station. Then it vanished.

Last week a club was inaugurated in Geelong to meet the needs of those people interested in UFOs. It is a branch of the Victorian Unidentified Flying Object Research Society (VUFORS — pronounced "view force") and its chairman is Peter Close. VUFORS is the third largest society for the study of UFOs in the world, only one in the United States and one in England being larger. A non-profit organisation, the \$15 per year full-membership covers the cost of the quarterly bulletin and free entry to meetings.

"We are a nuts and bolts research society, looking for physical evidence for the unusual experience," Mr Close told the 30 people who went to the first meeting in the South Barwon Community Centre. "Our aims are to collect information from the Geelong and districts community and bring Geelong up to date with what has been said and done here and overseas. We want to bring it all out in the open."

Peter Close is Geelong born and bred, employed in the field of electronics, using radio communication and computers. Ever since he got his first telescope at aged 10, he has been fascinated by the sky. A few years ago he joined VUFORS and went to its Melbourne meetings.

At last week's meeting were seven committee members from Geelong and guest speaker, John Auchetti, a Melbourne-based sightings investigator

By Elga Kenins

for VUFORS. Any reported sighting is researched (confidentiality assured) to see if any logical explanation may apply. If you have had an experience which fits into the category of UFO, either aerial or terrestrial, you can phone Mr Close on 436280.

He urges caution to anyone encountering unknown materials of unknown origins.

John Auchetti has been investigating the "circle" phenomenon which has been widely reported in England (1980s), in Tully, North Queensland (1966 and 1987), the Mallee (since 1959) and Churchill Park, just outside Melbourne (1989).

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The Jolly farm is in the hot dry wheat area of the Mallee. In December last year the Jollys observed a lot of strange circles in the wheatfields. The wheat stalks were lying down to form flattened circles of varying diameters, swirled in either a clockwise or anti-clockwise direction. There were no signs of tracks into the circle.

Mr Auchetti presented the observed facts at the meeting last week and showed that logical explanations did not seem to apply. "The stems were bent over and woven in. It couldn't be stomped down — that would damage the stems and they were undamaged. It wasn't a whirly-wind — the seeds were intact yet the pods were ready to go. The soil was compacted hard in a trough under the circle but the roots were undamaged. Independent Monash investigators helped with our tests."

Could it be spaceships landing? "Any belief in extraterrestrials or the paranormal is a personal belief and not part of VUFORS," Mr Close stated. VUFORS has to consider the facts. Seeing is not necessarily believing. Some objects may be seen on radar but radio waves bouncing off something don't tell you how solid that "something" is. Rain clouds, flying insect swarms and birds can produce radar echoes.

Bending light rays can produce

convincing apparitions. Scientist Donald Menzel saw a formation of UFOs flying over the New Mexico desert. He found they were tumbleweeds, each about a metre across, carried high by the wind.

At night one can easily have an autokinetic effect, where motion is perceived when actually none is present. The moon will appear to be following you as you drive along and from a certain angle may seem to be chasing you.

It is easy to misjudge the size of an object — it can be close and small or distant and big. The unaided eye plays tricks. It can interpret the unfamiliar with something familiar or expected or feared.

Whatever the case, people who have had a bizarre experience want to know what has happened to them.

Strange sightings have been reported since biblical times. More than 2500 years ago the prophet Ezekiel described his experiences in the bible (Ezekiel 1 and 10). The astrophysicist, Donald Menzel, thought Ezekiel was seeing the normal phenomenon of mock suns where ice crystals produce a solar halo effect.

The modern era of the UFO started in 1947 when Kenneth Arnold described disc shaped objects which moved like saucers whirling through the air. The expression "flying saucer" was born.

Many strange things have been reported since in most countries of the world. Some people have disappeared (such as Frederick Wallentich in 1978 near Cape Otway after reporting a hovering "object"), some have seen, photographed and detected on radar (such as retired TV journalist from Melbourne, Quentin Fogarty, near the NZ coast in 1978), some have experienced something hovering over their car while driving (such as in Geelong and the Nullarbor Plain), some thought they had been abducted by something extraterrestrial for a while (such as Maureen Puddy in 1972 on the Dromana Road).

The possibility of extraterrestrials has fascinated people. In a recent United



UFO alert ... Mr Peter Close with his equipment for keeping track of possible sightings.

States survey it was found that almost two out of three people believe in extraterrestrials. About the same number believe in astrology. The number is much less in Australia. Given that these extraterrestrials have superior intelligence and know about warp speed (as in *Star Trek*), the question arises why they'd come to the boondocks of the galaxy to visit us retarded earthlings. The idea that the earth is being watched by beings that have gone to a lot of trouble to get here and then not to reveal themselves to us (except for occasional "buzzes"), seems preposterous to many intelligent people.

Studies of UFO sightings have been made by the United States Air Force (Project Blue Book disbanded 1969), panels and groups of scientists (such as University of Colorado team led by Dr Edward U Condon) and civilian groups (like VUFORS).

The government groups and the Condon Report (December 1969) concluded that no further studies were needed since 90% of UFO sightings could be explained in terms of misidentification, such as planes, balloons; astronomy or meteorology,

such as planet, meteors, possibly complicated by unusual weather conditions; and psychology, such as hallucination. The other 10 per cent included sightings by the isolated observer (like the Torquay policeman), where nothing physical could be found to prove or disprove it.

These studies have received much criticism from UFO believers and accusations of governmental "cover-up". On being asked to evaluate the Condon Report, the National Academy of Science stated that "on the basis of present knowledge, the least likely explanation of UFOs is the hypothesis of extraterrestrial visitations by intelligent beings".

Some of the UFO sighters have suffered criticism and ridicule. Kenneth Arnold (the guy who saw a "flying saucer" in 1947) said later that no matter what else he saw, even a ten-storey building flying past, he would shut his eyes and ignore it. "As I was going up the stair, I met a man who wasn't there. He wasn't there again today. I wish, I wish he'd stay away."

— Hughes Mearns, *The Psychoed*.

During my Television news teams from Spain, Holland, France, Britain and Russia were in Belgium gathering information on its UFO wave.



An artist's reconstruction of witnesses' descriptions of a triangular shaped object. Note its immense proportions.

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UFO'S OVER BELGIUM - PART 2

By Keith & May Flitcroft

Marie-Therese de Brosses is a journalist sent by "Paris Match" of France, a well known glossy magazine, to interview Belgian Air Force Personnel on the 22nd of June this year. This interview, published by "Paris Match" on August 1st, was dramatic and historic in the unprecedented official statements that were made on the subject of UFO's.

The article in "Paris Match" comprised two full pages of text and two photographs recorded on video cassette by two F16 interceptors on the night of 30/31st March. The aircraft are supersonic single seater machines (General Dynamics 'Falcons') numbered AL 23 and AL 17. They were scrambled at 00.05 hours (five minutes past midnight) after repeated calls from Captain Pinson of the gendarmerie, who was observing a UFO to the south of Brussels with other gendarmes. The defence radar at Glons to the South East of Brussels (part of the NATO chain), as well as that at Semmerzake to the West, which controls all Belgian civilian and military air traffic, had registered an object at the same place. After thirty minutes of the most minute checking by the Air Force of conditions over the terrain (mainly flat) swept by the two systems, it was determined that atmospheric conditions were excellent, that the return was unlikely to be a false echo or due to atmospheric inversion reflections and that radar reception over 200m was well-nigh perfect. The F16's were scrambled.

All conventional aircraft respond to radar interrogation automatically with a coded identification signal. The unknown object did not return such a response. It travelled at 50 km/hr while changing both direction and altitude frequently but in a generally Western direction and mostly at low altitudes.

The radar of the F16's can track moving targets by effectively turning its antenna through an angle of 90 degrees. The pilots obtained a 'blip' of the object on their screens as they neared the designated location and ordered their systems to 'lock on'. 'Lock on' was verified by the 'blip' changing to a diamond. Now the object's position and speed were automatically displayed on their screens.

Colonel De Brouvere, Chief of Air Staff, explained to the journalist that at this point of the videotaped interception, it was a success in the sense that the object had been found and the launching of missiles would have been possible. This was not, however, the intention of the interception. It was to identify the object.

After six seconds of 'lock on' the speed of the object increased rapidly from 280 km/hr to 1800 km/hr while its altitude fell from 3000 m to 1700 m in one second. The associated acceleration was given as '40g' or forty times the acceleration of free fall, a value typical of

motor vehicle crashes which are survivable only if experienced for small fractions of a second. The violent manoeuvre broke the lock-on of both aircraft and the pilots dived in pursuit. The UFO then dropped below 200 m, out of range of the ground stations. Against the lights of Southern Suburban Brussels and radar ground echoes, the pilots could neither see nor get a radar fix on the object.

At ground level the speed of the F16 aircraft is restricted to 1300 km/hr by the temperature limits of the engine compressors and turbines. The actions of the object seemed to the Colonel to demonstrate logical decisions and an understanding of aircraft technology. The incident was not finished at this point and lasted a total of 65 minutes.

After eluding the interceptors, the object would move horizontally near the ground for some distance, then rise slowly, be picked up on the interceptors' radar and dive again as the aircraft closed in. Twenty gendarmes watching from the ground saw the object evade the interceptors twice in this way.

During these high speed movements when the object clearly exceeded the speed of sound (about 1200 km/hr), no sonic boom was heard. Had there been the usual sonic shock wave under these circumstances, many broken windows and possibly even structural damage would have resulted. The interceptors made nine passes altogether, succeeding in radar contact on three occasions. The recorded data was so clear and unambiguous that the Belgian Government decided to release the results of this incident to the public. It seems that an important reason for this decision was the number of well-placed scientists.

Professor Jean-Pierre Petit, head of research for CNRS (National Committee for Space Research) France's equivalent of NASA, had accompanied the journalist to the General Headquarters of the Belgian Air Force at Brussels. On the question of the lack of sonic booms, he was totally certain that no conventional machine or missile from this planet could break the 'sound barrier' without producing a shock wave and a loud bang. He added "I am convinced that this type of interception of a UFO by radar has happened a large number of times over the past thirty years, whether with means as sophisticated as those of the F16's, as used in all Air Forces of the world for more than ten years, or as formerly with older radar, and that the Chiefs of Staff of the countries concerned have rigorously kept this information secret for fear of panicking their populations".

Jean-Pierre Petit continued - "We live in an epoch which starts to have the quality of transparency. After the Berlin Wall, the wall of silence is in the process of breaking down. Regarding OVNI's (UFO's), we are in a completely different phase from before. It is the end of mercantilism and charlatanism. The true scientific types enter on the scene. Look at the work of Professor Meussens". (Professor Meussens is a Belgian astro-physicist).

Professor Meussens had made a very important discovery from a photograph of a triangular UFO with four powerful lights and numerous small lights around its edges, taken by UFO investigators on the night of 31st March about thirty km south-East of Brussels. They had

used a highly sensitive, 1600 ASA film. As a reference, the photographer also snapped a passing aircraft with the same exposure and timing. The aircraft was more distant but its navigation lights showed as well defined white spots. The lights of the closer UFO although larger and more powerful were hardly visible on film, while its outline was wholly absent.

Professor Meussens found by experimenting that in the presence of infra-red light, the sensitivity of the film to visible light is greatly reduced. He has therefore concluded that if the UFO's are emitting powerfully in the infra-red, then the poor quality of many of the photographs taken during this wave of sightings, and the failure to register the outlines of the objects at all can be understood.

The pilots of the F16's saw nothing visually. This is not unexpected under the circumstances. They had to fly their craft, watch their radar screens, perform difficult manoeuvres and see the lights of the object against a sea of city lights. During the following Easter weekend, a Hawker Siddley aircraft provided by the Air Force for civilian use and fitted out with various instruments was taken up in response to sightings reports, manned with scientist and investigators. These efforts failed to locate the objects being seen from the ground. The failures were attributed to inadequate technique and coordination, disappointing many hopeful observers. It might also be pointed out that the UFO's are not ordinary objects and methods appropriate for ordinary objects are not necessarily useful in these cases.

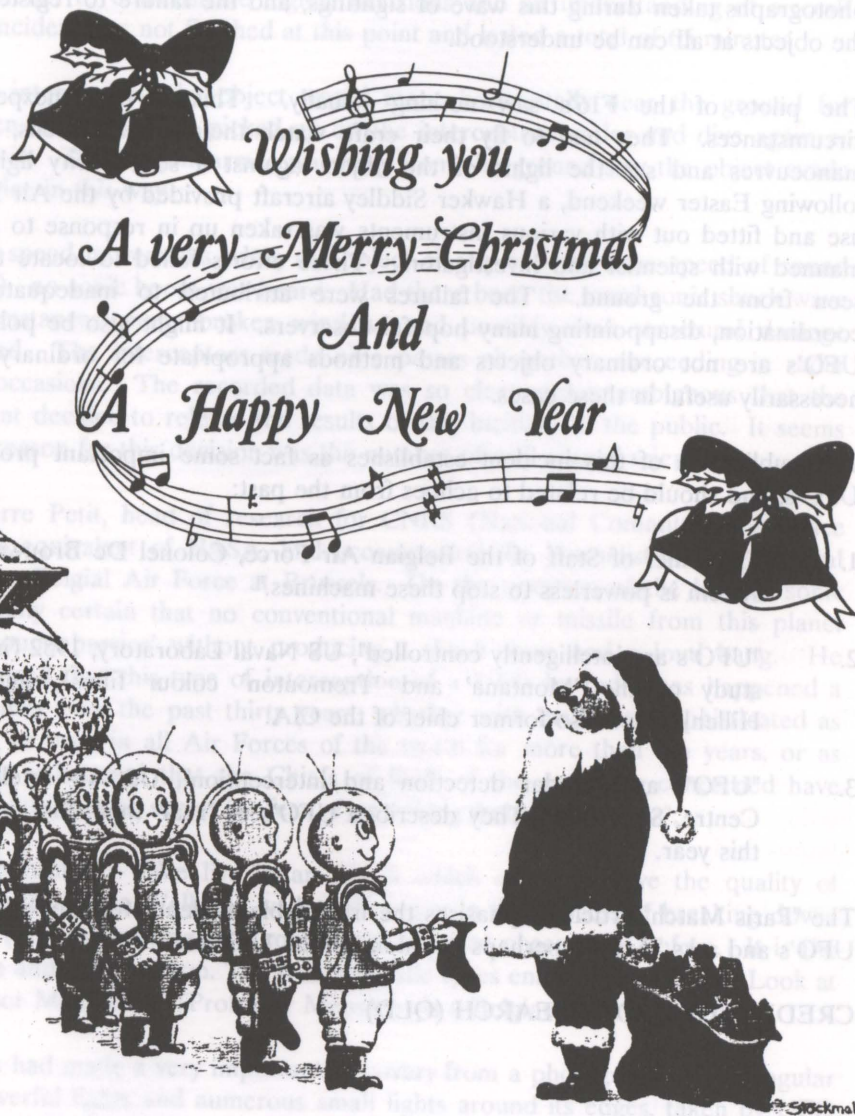
The publication of this incident establishes as fact some important properties typical of UFO's, and should be related to echoes from the past:

1. The Chief of Staff of the Belgian Air Force, Colonel De Brouwere: "Our defence system is powerless to stop these machines."
2. "UFO's are intelligently controlled", US Naval Laboratory, 1952 (in relation to their study of the 'Montana' and 'Tremonton' colour films), and Rear Admiral Hillenkoetter also former chief of the CIA.
3. "UFO's avoid radar detection and interception", US Air Intelligence Technical Centre, Sept. 1947. They described UFO's as "real" then, just as the Belgians did this year.

The "Paris Match" article emphasises the irrefutable evidence for the 'different-ness' of the UFO's and asks "Are we perhaps not alone in the Universe..???".

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About the Author: Dr. Richard F. Haines has investigated UFO sighting reports and other evidence for over 20 years. This is his fourth book on the subject. Previous works include *UFO Phenomena and the Behavioral Scientist* (The Scarecrow Press, 1979); *Observing UFO* (Nelson-Hall, 1980); *Melbourne Episode: Case Study of a Missing Pilot* (LDA Press, 1987). Recently retired from U.S. Government service, Dr. Haines continues to research issues for advanced telescope applications for America's Space Station Freedom. He and his family live in Los Altos, California.

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UFO LANDS ON SPANISH AIR FORCE TARGET RANGE

WHAT'S MORE, THE SPANISH GOVERNMENT ADMITTED IT.

Gordon Creighton

[B] EXTRACT FROM FSR 24/5 (published March 1979).

LIKE other countries, Spain has allocated certain wild and deserted parts of the country for use as military target ranges where live ammunition can be used. The Spanish Air Force has two such polygons. One near Teruel (due east of Madrid), and the other in a particularly desolate tract of territory to the north of the province of Navarre and lying on the left (northern) bank of the river Ebro. This tract is known as las Bardenas Reales (42° 10N 01° 25W), and is several kilometres in extent. According to articles in the Spanish press, it is used for live target practice by not only the Spanish Air Force but also the United States Air Force (by virtue of the Hispano-American Agreement on Co-operation).

On January 5, 1975, the following brief but interesting Logos agency report from its correspondent at Zaragoza, datelined January 4, appeared in the Madrid newspaper ABC under the following headlines: *Unidentified Flying Object Over Military Zone of Las Bardenas Reales.*

and, below that: *Senior Officers from the Base come to Zaragoza to Report to Air Force Zone Authorities.*

"At about 11.00 p.m. last night, an unidentified flying object landed on the firing range. A few minutes later the device took off and vanished in the skies.

"Several of the senior military officers at the Las Bardenas Base have arrived in Zaragoza this morning to report to the Headquarters of this Air Force Zone concerning the incident.

"There was an Air Force accident at the Base in 1972. The aircraft plunged to the ground at high speed, but the two crew members were both able to escape by parachute. It was said at the time of that accident that, as the plane was falling, a strange luminous object was observed in the sky overhead.

"The affair gave rise to much talk and discussion in the surrounding districts of Las Bardenas and Las Cinco Villas."

If this report had not let a few cats out of the bag, at any rate it had permitted a small pink nose to appear, and nobody should be surprised therefore, when the same newspaper, ABC, of four days later, January 9, 1975, carried a Cifra release with the following neat explanation by the Spanish Air Force under the headline; *It was due to Optical Effects caused by the Moon's Halo.*

have received no report of any local resident having seen the UFO. Pursuing our inquiry further, we finally managed to speak to the person who did see the unidentified flying object. He is Lt. Campos, an officer stationed at the firing range. He has refused to furnish any kind of information regarding the strange occurrence, because the case is at present in the hands of the authorities and *sub-judice*...

"The appearance of an unidentified flying object over the range may be related to one of the numerous exercises against electronic devices which the Air Force carries out periodically. Should such be the case in this instance (and the appointment, for the first time, ever, of a special judge in this fashion would seem to indicate that it is the case) then the military secrecy in which these exercises are swathed will probably preclude the issue of any public statement on the matter. Nevertheless the possibility should not be ruled out that it may indeed have been a true UFO, an unidentified flying object. The UFOs started appearing around 1947 in our own era, although it is affirmed that they have existed for more than 5,000 years. In Spain, according to recently compiled statistics, there have been one hundred UFO landings between 1925 and 1970. In the Province of Navarre alone there has been one UFO landing (in 1969).

"According to those who investigate these UFOs, we are at present in the sixth phase of their activity here. This phase, which began in 1954, is directed at objectives that are emphatically military; the fourth and fifth phases were devoted to ecological, biological, and geographical exploration.

"On the other hand, this is not the first time that a UFO has landed in a Spanish Military enclave: five years ago another UFO was observed on the military airfield at Reus."

NOTE BY EDITOR, FSR

So far as I can judge from the material at present available to me no official statement was in fact put out by the Spanish Air Force about the Las Bardenas case. In his article¹ on another landing (at Burgos) which Sr Pere Redon, Deputy-Director of the Spanish Centre for Interplanetary Studies, published in their journal *Stendek* (No. 19, March 1975) he complained of the excessive secrecy of the Spanish Air Force in UFO matters (which he compared unfavourably with what he considered to be the more open policy of the Spanish Army). Where the Air Force were concerned, he said that "... it was all secrecy and denials, with attempts being made to nullify, by means of a smoke-screen, all knowledge of what had really happened. From the outset, this policy has put us in mind of the various denials issued in recent years by the U.S. Air Force. It is because of this different approach by the Spanish Army and the Spanish Air Force that we are unable — at least for the time being — to publish a study of the case which occurred at Las Bardenas during the night of January 2, 1975."

We have seen an example of the "smoke-screen", namely the statement (quoted above) which the Press Office of the Third Air Force Zone put out on January 9, explaining the UFO story as "due to the optical effects caused by the Moon's halo".

One has to give them credit. As the years have rolled by it must have become harder and harder to hit upon a fresh explanation for UFOs, and so far as I know this is the first case in which the Moon's halo has been branded as responsible for a landing on the surface of our Planet.

The next development in the Las Bardenas story (at least so far as I can ascertain) came early last year,* when on January 8, 1977, the Spanish magazine *Perso-*

the firing-range, *Informaciones* were assured that they Arguedas (Province of Navarre), a town that is near "On contacting the town-hall authorities in statement about it.

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Bardenas Reales?

Did a spy-UFO land on the firing-range at Las Bardenas Reales?

Military authorities nominate special judge.

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file of the Third Air Force Zone states that, after all

The text of the release is as follows: "The Press Of-

nas² (no. 166) dropped a bombshell in the form of a long cover story by news reporter J.J. Benítez, in which he claimed that on October 20, 1976, he had interviewed a highly placed official of the Madrid government, who had confirmed to him that the Spanish Government knew that UFOs exist and (like everyone else) had been quietly studying them for many years. This official allegedly handed to him 78 folio pages containing résumés of twelve of the most spectacular UFO cases in the government's files.

The title of J.J. Benítez's article is: *UFOs over Spain: There are official proofs. Documents from our Government recognize twelve cases of "Unidentified Flying Objects"*.

Owing to its length, I will merely extract and quote here that portion of it which refers to Las Bardenas, for Las Bardenas, after all the talk about the halo of the Moon, turns out as we now see, to be one of the best UFO cases that the Spanish Government has on its books!

It seems that on the night of January 2, 1975, some Air Force privates, a sergeant, and two poachers, were in the Arguedas-Tudela area, within the limits of the firing range, and that they can say not merely one UFO but *several* landed in the target-zone.

According to the sergeant's statement, he was on duty that night, and at 11.00 p.m. received a telephone call from the operator in charge of the telephone network, to the effect that the surveillance towers had reported that lights had been seen moving about on the terrain of the firing range. He took a pair of binoculars and got up on to a hillock, from where he was able to observe an object "... shaped like an inverted cup", with white lights on the upper and lower parts and intermittent white and amber lights on its sides. He was unable to give an exact estimate

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Hermann Oberth, 95, German Rocket Expert

NUREMBERG, West Germany, Dec. 30 (AP) — Hermann Julius Oberth, a pioneer of the space age who worked with Werner von Braun to help develop Germany's V-2 rocket, died on Friday. He was 95 years old. Mr. Oberth died at a hospital in Nuremberg after a short illness, the Hermann Oberth Museum in Feucht said in a statement.

He began experiments on a jet motor for the German Government in 1930 and developed a model later that year. He worked on the motor with Mr. von Braun, considered the leading scientist in American space flight development.

Mr. Oberth joined Mr. von Braun in rocket experiments in the United States in 1955, but he retired three years later and returned to West Germany. Mr. von Braun died in 1977.

Mr. Oberth was born near Nuremberg on June 25, 1894. At age 15, he built a model of a rocket motor described in Jules Verne's "From the Earth to the Moon." After high school and service in the infantry in World War I, Mr. Oberth studied medicine, aerodynamics and physics at universities in Munich, Göttingen and Heidelberg.

He submitted a thesis on rocket experiments for his doctorate, but it was rejected as too cursory. An expanded version was published in 1923 as the book "The Rockets to the Planets in Space."

The March 25, 1968 issue of NEWSWEEK magazine called Professor Hermann Oberth the "Father of Spaceflight". The article contains some interesting information about this rocket pioneer. It says: "When THE ROCKET TO INTO INTERPLANETARY SPACE was first published in Germany in 1923, scientists paid little attention. The author was a shy Rumanian-born high school teacher who as an 11-year-old had been fascinated by Jules Verne's FROM THE EARTH TO THE MOON. But over the years, the apocalyptic book became every rocket scientist's bible: its author, Hermann Oberth, became celebrated as the father of spaceflight. During World War II, Oberth — though never a member of the Nazi Party — helped develop the V-2 rocket at Peenemunde." It goes on to tell how Dr. Oberth worked for Werner Von Braun after the war on the Saturn missile project where he was a consultant to the U.S. Army missile team at Redstone Arsenal in Alabama from 1955 to 1958 and again in 1961. He is also quoted as saying he believes men will someday travel through space at the speed of light, an accomplishment still to be achieved.

Dr. Oberth was also interested in UFOs and made a number of significant declarations on the subject.

In the October 24, 1954 issue of THE AMERICAN WEEKLY, he said the following: "It is my thesis that flying saucers are real and that they are space ships from another solar system. I think that they possibly are manned by intelligent observers who are members of a race that may have been investigating our earth for centuries. I think that they possibly have been sent out to conduct systematic, long-range investigations, first of men, animals and vegetation, and more recently of atomic centers, armaments and centers of production. They obviously have not come as invaders, but I believe their present mission may be one of scientific investigation."

Writing in MITTEILUNGEN DER GESELLSCHAFT FÜR INTERPLANETARIK, in 1961, he summarized hypotheses that might explain the UFO phenomenon and predicted that scientific institutions will enter seriously into UFO research once the field has been more clearly defined so that it can be assigned to the appropriate specialists and when enough evidence has been collected so that facts can no

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of its size, but thought that it might have been of the approximate size of a truck. The UFO remained on the firing range for about half an hour, and took off and departed at 11:25 p.m.

The weather conditions that night were fine and clear, there were no clouds, and the outlines of the nearby mountain ranges stood out sharply. The sergeant detected no sound from the UFO. When the object took off, he said its course was at first northwards, but then when it reached a point level with the second surveillance tower it began to climb steeply and veered off to the north-east and was quickly lost to sight.

While the UFO was in flight above the firing-range

a powerful light on its underside was directed downwards and lit up the whole area around about.

The accounts given by the other enlisted men (who were on duty on the look-out towers) bore out the statement of the sergeant. The best view of the UFO was secured by those on the main tower as it climbed past them.

Notes and References

1. For a translation of this Article, see *The Landing Near Burgos*, in FSR Vol. 23, No. 2.
 2. We are indebted to Sr. Russel Guérard y Holmes for the full text of this article.
- * [Mr. Creighton wrote his article in 1978 — ED]

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Where Are Those UFO-Zapped Jets?

Evidence obtained recently by the public-interest group Citizens Against UFO Secrecy (CAUS) reveals the loss of two U.S. Navy jets in the skies of Puerto Rico on Dec. 28, 1968. Unofficial testimony from one Navy officer there confirms: "We saw when the smaller targets on the radar, which represented the jets, merged with the bigger one (the UFO). After that the big target seemed to split and shot off at great speed." If you can furnish additional information about this incident, we urge you to contact us immediately — anonymously, if you must. Your testimony and other evidence would prove valuable to any forthcoming congressional inquiry — and to our continued freedom-of-information litigation to compel full government accountability for this and similar UFO encounters. Write to: CAUS, 3518 Martha Custis Drive, Alexandria, VA 22302, or call Larry W. Byrant, 703-931-3341.

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longer be denied or ridiculed.

FLYING SAUCER REVIEW, September/October 1962, wrote about an interview of Dr. Oberth by Antonio Ribera during the Second Congress of Aeronautical and Space Medicine, where Dr. Oberth said that in his opinion, the higher forms of life in our planetary system are to be found only on earth. He said "if we are to seek the place of origin of the flying saucers, we must look to other stellar systems, perhaps to the planets of Tau-Ceti and Epsilon Eridani, two of the suns nearest us and belonging to the same spectrographic type as our own."

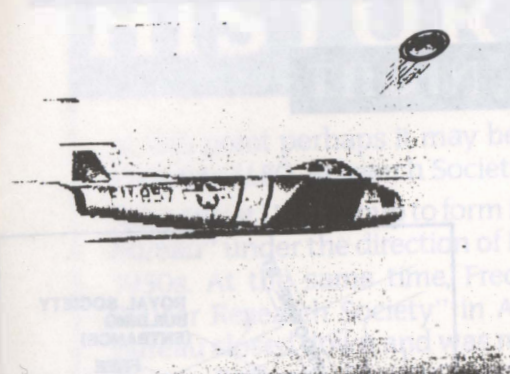
Writing in the May 1962 issue of FATE MAGAZINE, Dr. Oberth said "that in the absence of a more plausible explanation, one might assume that UFOs are "flying machines" that (1) are not built by human beings; (2) fly by means of artificial gravity fields; and (3) produce high-tension electric charges to push the air out of their paths so that it does not start glowing, and strong magnetic fields to interact with ionized air at higher altitudes. Transitions of UFOs from half-transparent to invisible state might be related to creation of artificial gravity fields." He said he "would bet 100 to one that some of the contact persons are normal and have seen and experienced something."

The FLYING SAUCER REVIEW, September/October 1965, cited a radio interview during the First Astronautical Week in Barcelona, May 3-9, 1965, where Dr. Oberth said: "We must consider real a fact of which we possess eight thousand certain sightings. I cannot say if they are or are not interplanetary vehicles, but nobody can doubt any more their existence."

Raymond Fowler, writing in UFOS: INTERPLANETARY VISITORS, quoted statements in the TIMES in Alabama, where Dr. Oberth said the following: "According to information available to me there exist more than 70,000 eyewitness reports of UFOs. Eleven percent of these reports cannot be easily explained. They should not be lies or hoaxes because they involve responsible senior Air Force officers of radar readings or photographs from responsible sources. Their speed can be enormous. Radar measurements have shown up to 11.8 miles per second." He added, "(a) They are not built by human beings....today we cannot produce machines that fly as UFOs do. (b) They are flying by means of artificial gravity. This would explain the sudden changes in direction.... This hypothesis also would explain the piling up of these discs into a cylindrical or cigar-shaped ship upon leaving the earth, because in this fashion only one field of gravity would be required for all discs. (c) They produce high-tension electric charges in order to push air out of their path....and strong magnetic fields to influence the ionized air at higher altitudes....This would explain their luminosity."

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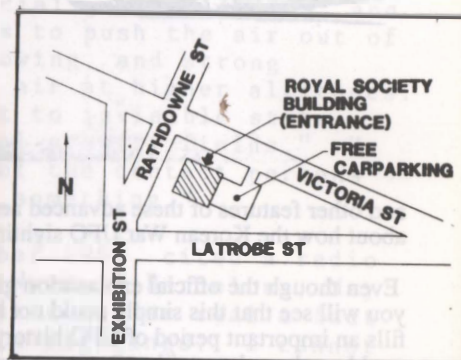
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The "Australian Flying Saucer Research Society (Victorian Branch)" was formed on the 17th February, 1957 as a branch of the "Australian Flying Saucer Research Society" and later that year was re-organised as the "Victorian Flying Saucer Research Society" with Mr. Peter E. Norris L.L.B. as President. In 1968 the name was again altered – this time to the "Victorian U.F.O. Research Society".

During this time, the Society has published various papers and is probably best known for its publication Australian Flying Saucer Review, curtailed in 1972 due to high costs and subsequently superseded by the Australian U.F.O. Bulletin and at one stage sponsored and produced a quarter-hour program on a Melbourne radio station under the heading of "The Truth Behind Flying Saucers".

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